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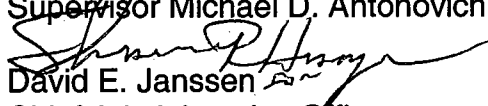
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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – UPDATE ON MRSA

On May 10, 2005, Supervisor Antonovich requested the Chief Administrative Office provide an update on additional resources needed by the Sheriff's Department to address the methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) epidemic within the County jails.

Background

On September 7, 2004, the Board requested the CAO and Sheriff work together to identify a funding source for 1.0 Physician Specialist Epidemiology, 3.0 Public Health Nurses, and 1.0 Operations Assistant positions and report back within two weeks. A report was prepared on September 21, 2004 recommending the Department fund the MRSA positions and associated costs from their 2004-05 adopted budget using anticipated savings in workers' compensation.

In the 2004-05 Supplemental Budget Resolution package submitted to and approved by the Board on September 28, 2004, we recommended the redirection of \$619,000 in workers' compensation savings to fund 5.0 additional budgeted positions and services and supplies needed to control MRSA in the County jails. There was no impact to net County cost and the 5.0 aforementioned positions were added to the Department's budget.

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Additional Resources

In the 2005-06 Final Changes budget phase, the Department requested and we are recommending \$3.0 million in additional funding to address higher prisoner laundry costs in response to the MRSA outbreak.

Please let me know if you have any questions or your staff may contact Sheila Williams, at (213) 893-2297.

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